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## Convention To Consider Crucial Step In April

The annual meeting of the Southeast Convention on April 25-26 will be one of the most important and interesting in its history.

Scheduled to come before the delegates from the churches for their official action is the proposed agreement looking to the formation of a United Church Conference in this area.

It is anticipated that representatives from the Georgia-South Carolina, the Alabama-Mississippi, and the Tennessee-Kentucky Conferences of the Convention of the South (the Negro CC Churches in this area) and of the Alabama-Tennessee Region of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches will be present to apply for membership for the organizations they represent in the Southeast Convention as associations of the convention.

If these groups are accepted into the convention, steps will then be taken after January 1, 1965, the effective date of the agreement, to have the convention become a Conference of the United Church.

(The churches not a part of the United Church will continue their membership in the convention and the United Church Conference, when the change is made, but will have Congregational Christian standing only unless they vote to be a part of the United Church.

The board of directors of the convention has approved the plan and recommends it to the convention for its adoption and for the reception of the applying organizations into membership.

The proposed agreement was published in the February issue of The Southeast News. Copies have been sent to the ministers and churches for their study. Additional copies are available from the convention office.

Supt. Lightbourne will be happy to reply to any requests for additional information from churches or individuals.



W. PRESSLEY INGRAM



DR. RAY GIBBONS

## Southeast Convention Annual Meeting Scheduled April 25-26 At Chattanooga

The Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches will hold its twelfth annual sessions on Saturday and Sunday, April 25-26, 1964, at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Pilgrim Congregational Church, the Reverend Arnold Slater pastor, will be the host church.

The sessions will be called to order at 10:30 a. m., Eastern Standard Time, on Saturday, April 25, by W. Pressley Ingram of Birmingham, Ala., the moderator.

The two-day meeting will adjourn following the morning worship service on Sunday, April 26.

Dr. Ray Gibbons, director of the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church, with offices in New York, will deliver the keynote address on Saturday and deliver the sermon on Sunday.

Mr. Milton Van Manen, of New Orleans, La., a layman of the United Church, will represent the Executive Council on the program and will ad-

dress the convention.

Mrs. F. C. Lester of High Point, N. C., Southern Regional Secretary for the Council for Lay Life and Work, is to be the guest speaker at the joint banquet of the Women's and Churchmen's Fellowships on Saturday night.

Mrs. Edward A. Askren Jr. of Atlanta, Ga., is president of the Women's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention. Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht of Chattanooga, Tenn., is president of the Churchmen's Fellowship and chairman of the convention committee for lay life and work.

Also scheduled to meet during the sessions is the Church Builder's Club, of which Mr. Fred D. Powell, Tallahassee, Alabama, is the president.

Every church in the convention should be represented at this important meeting by its pastor and its elected delegates. Full information about the meeting will be sent to the ministers and churches within the next few weeks.

## Religious Affiliations Of Americans By Groups

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Buddhists                | 60,000      |
| Old Catholics and Polish |             |
| National Catholics       | 597,372     |
| Eastern Orthodox         | 3,001,751   |
| Jews                     | 5,509,000   |
| Roman Catholics          | 43,847,938  |
| Protestants              | 64,929,941  |
| Total Membership         | 117,946,002 |

### Protestant and Orthodox Bodies

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| 1. Southern Baptist Convention                    | 10,191,303 |
| 2. The Methodist Church                           | 10,153,003 |
| 3. National Baptist Convention U. S. A., Inc.     | 5,000,000  |
| 4. Protestant Episcopal Church                    | 3,317,870  |
| 5. The United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. | 3,265,234  |
| 6. Lutheran Church in America                     | 3,080,272  |
| 7. National Baptist Convention of America         | 2,668,799  |
| 8. Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod                 | 2,522,095  |
| 9. American Lutheran Church                       | 2,338,959  |
| 10. Churches of Christ                            | 2,250,000  |
| 11. United Church of Christ                       | 2,056,696  |
| 12. Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ)      | 1,779,046  |
| 13. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints   | 1,682,096  |
| 14. American Baptist Convention                   | 1,544,505  |
| 15. Greek Archdiocese of North and South America  | 1,500,000  |

### PER MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Reformed Church in America     | \$110.16 |
| Presbyterian Church in U. S.   | 106.96   |
| Moravian Church (North. Prov.) | 91.92    |
| United Presbyterian            | 88.08    |
| Lutheran Church in America     | 84.98    |
| Church of the Brethren         | 77.88    |
| Evangelical United Brethren    | 72.91    |
| United Church of Christ        | 72.83    |
| Protestant Episcopal Church    | 69.80    |
| Seventh Day Baptist            | 68.44    |
| American Baptist Convention    | 68.42    |
| Christian Churches (Disciples) | 67.20    |
| The Methodist Church           | 58.53    |
| Unity of the Brethren          | 49.41    |

### PER MEMBER BENEVOLENCES

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Reformed Church in America   | \$27.93 |
| Presbyterian Church in U. S. | 25.48   |
| Church of the Brethren       | 20.49   |
| Seventh Day Baptist          | 17.59   |
| United Presbyterian          | 16.56   |
| Protestant Episcopal         | 14.36   |
| Evangelical United Brethren  | 13.70   |

## Films Available From Audio Visuals Office

For teen-agers in your local church congregations, the following new audio-visuals have recently been made available to local churches through the Office for Audio-Visuals, 1501 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102

**AGE OF TURMOIL** — a 20-minute black-and-white film dramatizing the emotional turmoil between adolescents and their families (rental: \$6);

**ARE MANNERS IMPORTANT?** — an 11 minute black-and-white film on the subject of its title, for students of junior-high age (rental: \$2.50);

**BEGINNING TO DATE** — A 12-minute black-and-white film considered exceedingly suitable for junior highs (rental — \$2.50);

**MAKING FRIENDS** — an 11-minute black-and-white film which discusses for adolescents the qualities of worthwhile friendships and the individual's responsibility in making friends (rental — \$2.50);

**THE MEANING OF ADOLESCENCE** — a 16-minute black-and-white film emphasizing the need for sympathetic understanding on the part of parents and teachers in helping teen-agers to approach adulthood (rental — \$5.00);

**HUMAN GROWTH** — a 19-minute color film presenting for adolescents the facts of human sexual development (rental — \$7.00);

**THE HUMAN BODY** — a 14-minute color film presenting the subject thoroughly and in the best possible taste (rental — \$7.00).

Readers are reminded that these films should be ordered from the Audio-Visuals Office, 1501 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

There are filmstrips of interest to young people's groups available from the convention office. If your minister or church clerk does not have a copy of the list of films available from the convention, write to the convention office and a list will be sent to you. Audio-visuals, properly used, make excellent programs.

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|--------------------------------|-------|
| Lutheran Church in America     | 13.60 |
| Moravian Church (North. Prov.) | 13.39 |
| Christian Churches (Disciples) | 12.80 |
| American Baptist Convention    | 10.96 |
| United Church of Christ        | 10.60 |
| Unity of the Brethren          | 10.52 |
| The Methodist Church           | 9.02  |

## CC Churches Continue To Join United Church

According to figures released during the month of February, 4,223 Congregational Christian churches have now voted to join the United Church of Christ.

Statistics show that approximately 550 Congregational Christian churches have not yet voted one way or another on the union and that 391 have voted not to join.

The Rev. Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, secretary of the United Church, says, "While 'yes' votes have been coming in for some time, there is no comparable number of votes being cast against the union or to abstain."

He also pointed out that the Congregational Christian churches which have not voted to be a part of the union contributed a total of \$960,000, or "almost a million dollars", to the United Church and its instrumentalities during the year 1962.

At the time the constitution of the United Church was voted into effect in July 1961, there were approximately 5300 Congregational Christian churches, according to Dr. Buschmeyer.

## How To Get Rid Of Your Pastor

The late Dean Halford Luccock, who wrote under the pen-name of Simeon Stylites for the Christian Century, once set forth five things to do to get rid of your pastor as quoted from Bishop Gerald Kennedy by Religious News Service. We herewith share them with the laypeople of our churches for their guidance.

(1) Look the preacher straight in the eye when he is preaching and say Amen once in a while. He will preach himself to death in a few weeks.

(2) Pat him on the back and brag about his good points. He will work himself to death.

(3) Start paying him a living wage. He has probably been on starvation wages so long he will eat himself to death.

(4) Rededicate your life to Christ and ask the preacher to give you a job to do. He will be so surprised he will probably die of heart failure.

(5) Get the church to unite in prayer for the preacher. He will become so effective some larger church will take him off your hands.



# People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .

## HERE AND THERE

### LAY LIFE AND WORK

A Southern Region Conference for lay leaders sponsored by the Council for Lay Life and Work was held at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga., Friday-Sunday, February 21-23.

Director of the conference was Mrs. F. C. Lester, Southern Region Secretary for the Council.

Approximately 60 representatives from the Florida Conference, Convention of the South, Southern Synod, Southern Convention, South Central Conference and the Southeast Convention were present.

Persons on the program, in addition to Mrs. Lester, included: Rev. William Slater, of the Council for Lay Life and Work; Dr. Samuel C. Kincheloe, of the Seminary; Rev. Karlton C. Johnson, Regional Secretary for the Stewardship Council; Mrs. Faith Drobish; and Rev. Richard Rinker, of the Southern Convention staff.

In attendance from the Southeast Convention were: Mrs. Edward A. Askren, Atlanta; Mrs. David A. Hill, Chattanooga; Mrs. Edward M. Brown, Atlanta; Rufus G. Obrecht, Chattanooga; C. C. Simonton, Crossville; W. Pressley Ingram, Birmingham; Mrs. W. Raymond Berry, Huntsville; and Supt. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

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### REGION LEADER'S MEETING ON OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

The 1964 Southern Region Leader's Meeting to discuss plans for the promotion of Our Christian World Mission in 1964 and 1965 was held in Atlanta on Monday-Wednesday, February 24-26, at the First Congregational Church.

The meeting was under the guidance of Rev. Karlton C. Johnson, who is Southern Region Secretary for the Stewardship Council.

Dr. Sheldon E. Mackey, executive secretary of the Stewardship Council, and other members of the Council staff were present for the meeting.

Representatives of the United Church bodies in the area were in attendance. The Southeast Convention was represented by Mrs. Edward Askren, Rev. Harold C. Henderson, Rev. W. W. Hall, Rev. George W. Stowe, and Supt.

Lightbourne.

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### OLD THORSBY CHURCH HELPS NEW CHURCHES

The Congregational Christian Church in Thorsby, Alabama, is no longer in existence. The members, in recent years, have been faced with the sad task of closing down the church and disposing of the property.

However, there is a brighter side to the picture. The members, mindful of their Christian stewardship, pondered how the assets of the sale of the property could best be used.

After careful consideration it was voted to use the monies available to help new churches of the denomination in Alabama.

As a result, identical gifts in the amount of \$1278.97 each have been made by the Thorsby group to the new churches of Russell Woods, Phenix City, United, Huntsville, and United, Montgomery.

These generous gifts will be of great help to these young churches as they seek to meet their opportunities. All of the churches of the Southeast Convention should be grateful to the Thorsby members for these fine gifts.

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### REV. WARREN A. BLANKENHORN

Rev. Warren A. Blankenhorn has resigned as pastor of the Russell Woods CC Church, Phenix City, and has accepted a position with Goodwill Industries in Columbus, Ga.

The director of the Goodwill Industries in Columbus is the Rev. Nelson Kittle, who is a ministerial member of the Georgia-South Carolina Conference.

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### REV. AND MRS. I. ALVA HART

Rev. and Mrs. I. Alva Hart continue to make their home in Thorsby, Alabama, where they both served at Thorsby Institute for many years. They were married September 24, 1903.

Mr. Hart observed his 86th birthday on November 27, 1963.

Mrs. Hart will observe her 91st birthday on March 9, 1964.

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### REV. ARNOLD SLATER

Rev. Arnold Slater, pastor of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, attended the meeting of the Executive Council

of the United Church March 3-5 in New York. Mr. Slater is a member of this important body.

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### SUMMER CONFERENCE DATES

June 7-June 13: The Kentucky-Tennessee Senior High Camp will be held at Camp Ozene, Ozone, Tenn.

July 26-August 1: The Kentucky-Tennessee Junior High Camp will be held at Camp Ozone, Ozone, Tenn.

July 26-August 1: The Georgia-Alabama-S. Carolina-NW Florida Junior High Camp will be held at Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Ga.

July 26-August 1: The Georgia-South Carolina-Alabama-NW Florida Senior High Camp will be held at Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Ga.

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### CCSA WASHINGTON SEMINAR

The annual Washington Seminar sponsored by the Council for Christian Social Action will be held April 21-24, 1964, in Washington.

The purpose of the seminar is to explore the bearing of the Christian Faith upon political life; to observe the work of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of the Federal Government in order to prepare for more effective citizenship; and to consider next steps toward peace.

The cost, exclusive of transportation to and from Washington, will be approximately \$30.

For additional information write to:

Dr. Lewis I. Maddocks  
110 Maryland Ave., N. E.  
Washington, D. C., 20002

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### RACIAL JUSTICE NOW OFFERING

The second all-church appeal for Racial Justice Now is scheduled for May 17, 1964.

A packet of sample materials will be mailed to all pastors on March 15.

Your church, as a part of the United Church of Christ, can help translate into action the General Synod's pronouncement for Racial Justice Now. Every church is encouraged to participate in this offering.

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### MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

May Fellowship Day, which is World Fellowship Day, will be observed by church women on Friday, May 1.

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## Superintendent's Corner

Printed on this page are the unofficial Our Christian World Mission figures for 1963 for the churches of the Southeast Convention.

Since we still are in the process of checking our financial records for 1963 and compiling the information from the church reports for inclusion in the 1964 Year Book of the denomination, it is possible there are errors in these figures. If so, we would appreciate your reporting them to us immediately.

The figures for 1963 are not particularly encouraging. For the first time in the history of the convention an increase in OCWM support was not achieved. To the contrary, our OCWM support decreased.

Of course this placed severe financial strain on the convention in Our Program of Progress. The subsidy from the Board for Homeland Ministries was reduced from \$8,833 in 1962 to \$6,833 in 1963. This \$2,000 drop reduction together with the drop in OCWM receipts meant the convention operated in the red.

This year, 1964, the convention will receive \$4,833 from the Board for Homeland Ministries. A minimum of \$36,000 in OCWM from the churches is needed if we are to operate within our budget.

With the convention so close to achieving its goal of self-support, after the generous help from the Board for Homeland Ministries for many years, and with the formation of a United Church Conference so close at hand, I am confident that the ministers and churches of the convention will work together for a major increase in OCWM in 1964.

## Our Christian World Mission Figures For 1963

### ALABAMA

|                            | 1962   | 1963   |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Alexander City, Antioch    | 0      | 0      |
| Alexander City, Hunt       | 0      | 0      |
| Andalusia, Antioch         | 0      | 100.   |
| Andalusia, Coldwater       | 0      | 0      |
| Andalusia, First           | 108.   | 93.    |
| Andalusia, New Home        | 0      | 0      |
| Arley, Robertsons Ch.      | 30.    | 30.    |
| Ashland, Bethel            | 0      | 0      |
| Birmingham, Pilgrim        | 1,228. | 1,529. |
| Brantley, Indian Creek     | 10     | 51.    |
| Brantley, Liberty          | 24.    | 0      |
| Caddo, First               | 108.   | 125.   |
| Clio, New Hope             | 150.   | 125.   |
| Dadeville, Elder           | 104.   | 104.   |
| East Tallassee             | 463.   | 462.   |
| Eclectic, Watson Ch.       | 0      | 0      |
| Five Points, State Line    | 0      | 0      |
| Garden City                | 200.   | 200.   |
| Hackleburg, Fairview       | 60.    | 60.    |
| Haleyville, Union Grove    | 72.    | 72.    |
| Hanceville, Mt. Grove      | 35.    | 25.    |
| Headland, Blackwood        | 236.   | 220.   |
| Houston, Liberty Hill      | 0      | 3.     |
| Huntsville, United         | 302.   | 598.   |
| LaFayette, Pleas. Grove    | 180.   | 105.   |
| Lanett, C. C.              | 4,096. | 3,024. |
| Lanett, Huguley            | 30.    | 0      |
| Langdale, C. C.            | 1,949. | 2,001. |
| Lineville, New Harmony     | 25.    | 13.    |
| Midland City, Chr. Hill    | 48.    | 0      |
| Montgomery, United         | 90.    | 401.   |
| Moulton, Jones Chapel      | 0      | 0      |
| Mt. Creek, Union           | 50.    | 30.    |
| Phenix City, First         | 70.    | 50.    |
| Phenix City, Russell Woods | 70.    | 50.    |
| Pisgah                     | 10.    | 0      |
| Roanoke, Antioch           | 140.   | 140.   |
| Roanoke, Bethany           | 50.    | 0      |
| Roanoke, First             | 150.   | 0      |
| Roanoke, Forest Home       | 80.    | 40.    |
| Roanoke, Lowell            | 475.   | 400.   |
| Roanoke, Mt. Zion          | 0      | 0      |
| Roanoke, New Hope          | 120.   | 177.   |
| Roanoke, Rock Springs      | 0      | 0      |
| Roanoke, Rock Stand        | 0      | 100.   |
| Seman, Balm of Gilead      | 0      | 0      |
| Seman, Community           | 20.    | 0      |
| Shawmut, Todd              | 120.   | 150.   |
| Steele, Mt. Lebanon        | 36.    | 48.    |
| Tallassee, Mt. Olive       | 120    | 90.    |
| Town Creek, Old Liberty    | 0      | 0      |
| Wadley, Beulah             | 0      | 0      |
| Wadley, Christian          | 599.   | 520.   |
| Wadley, Corinth            | 35.    | 35.    |
| Wedowee, Cavers Grove      | 0      | 0      |
| Wedowee, Noon Day          | 125.   | 0      |

### FLORIDA

|                      |   |   |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Baker, Good Hope     | 0 | 0 |
| Baker, Pyrons Chapel | 0 | 0 |

|                     |      |      |
|---------------------|------|------|
| Bonifay, New Effort | 180. | 180. |
| Crestview, Dorcas   | 0    | 0    |

### GEORGIA

|                           |        |        |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| Ambrose, Christian        | 20.    | 0      |
| Atlanta, Center           | 300.   | 240.   |
| Atlanta, Central          | 5,255. | 5,012. |
| Barnesville, Fredonia     | 405.   | 400.   |
| Baxley, Friendship        | 0      | 0      |
| Bowman, Liberty           | 0      | 48.    |
| Braselton, Macedonia      | 61.    | 46.    |
| Bristol, Antioch          | 0      | 0      |
| Buford, Duncans Creek     | 0      | 30.    |
| Columbus, First           | 360.   | 420.   |
| Columbus, United          | 195.   | 60.    |
| Crest, Hebron             | 0      | 0      |
| Demorest, Federated       | 519.   | 415.   |
| Doerun, New Light         | 0      | 0      |
| Doerun, Poplar Arbor      | 0      | 0      |
| Douglas, First            | 20.    | 0      |
| Enigma, Christian         | 0      | 0      |
| Gaillard, Pleasant Hill   | 25.    | 25.    |
| Hampton, County Line      | 60.    | 60.    |
| LaGrange, Hillside        | 132.   | 60.    |
| LaGrange, United          | 901.   | 771.   |
| Meansville, First         | 50.    | 45.    |
| Meansville, Liberty       | 0      | 0      |
| Pearson, Union Hill       | 208.   | 208.   |
| Pine Mt., Oak Grove       | 700.   | 600.   |
| Richland, First           | 30.    | 100.   |
| Richland, Prov. Chapel    | 0      | 0      |
| Tifton, First             | 0      | 0      |
| Tifton, Vanceville        | 0      | 0      |
| Waycross, Williams Chapel | 282.   | 132.   |
| West Point, Bethel        | 297.   | 313.   |
| Woodbury, Jones Chapel    | 35.    | 0      |

### KENTUCKY

|                |        |      |
|----------------|--------|------|
| Evarts, First  | 1,235. | 910. |
| Stearns, Comm. | 0      | 0    |

### SOUTH CAROLINA

|                      |        |        |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Charleston, Circular | 1,020. | 1,020. |
|----------------------|--------|--------|

### TENNESSEE

|                       |        |       |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|
| Chattanooga, Pilgrim  | 3,936. | 4,084 |
| Crossville, First     | 859.   | 899.  |
| Daisy, First          | 382.   | 150.  |
| Deer Lodge            | 165.   | 140.  |
| Glen Mary             | 98.    | 90.   |
| Knoxville, First      | 385.   | 473.  |
| Nashville, Brookmeade | 700.   | 700.  |
| Pleasant Hill, Comm.  | 1,203. | 580.  |
| Robbins, Barton Ch.   | 123.   | 128.  |
| Soddy, First          | 100.   | 200.  |

32,059 29,710

|                     |               |               |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Church Undesignated | 1,582.        | 2,732         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>33,641</b> | <b>32,022</b> |



## People...

## Churches...

## Events...

### New Montgomery Church Holds Ground-Breaking

On Sunday afternoon, February 2, 1964, ground-breaking services were held on Woodley Road for the Montgomery United Church. The pastor, Rev. Harold C. Henderson, began the program with prayer. Freddy Powell, chairman of the Church Builders Club for the Southeast Convention, made a brief talk praising the local members for the work they have done and pledging the continued support of the other churches in the convention.

Captain Frank Arnold, Moderator, did the actual ground-breaking, representing all other members of the church. The parsonage will be the first building erected on the property. It will serve as a meeting place for all worship services and meetings until the actual church building is built.

Churches in the convention represented at the ground-breaking were East Tallassee, Tallassee, Mt. Olive, Lanett, and Headland. There were also visitors from other churches in Montgomery.

Organized in 1961, the church has made progress, with the help of the convention, the Board for Homeland Ministries, and other churches in the southeast. We are deeply grateful for all the help we have received and look forward to growing into an independent body serving this community.

Sunday evening at five o'clock the regular monthly fellowship and business meeting was held in the home of the Millard Fullers. Their aunt, Mrs. Irene Meadows of Fairfax, Alabama, showed slides of the Holy Land taken on her trip there last summer. Mrs. Meadows is secretary to the vice-president of West Point Manufacturing Company in West Point, Georgia.

Does your church have any equipment not in use stored away that is just taking up much needed space? If so, the Montgomery United Church would be delighted to take it off your hands as they will need everything from hymn books to baby cribs for the nursery when they move into their first church home.

Search your church and see if you can't contribute something. Anything would be appreciated by all members of the United Church.

Contact the Rev. Harold C. Henderson, 602 Burgwyn Road, Montgomery 5, Alabama.

### Andalusia First Church Reports Full Schedule

The Ladies Fellowship of the First Congregational Christian Church of Andalusia, Alabama, held a banquet in the basement of the church February 17, 1964. The ladies invited their husbands to enjoy this meeting. Since we are studying Southern Asia we had many pictures of the people and the animals of Southern Asia decorating the table. A very delicious meal was served and enjoyed by all. Mrs. W. O. Hilgemann gave a book report on Southern Asia. She did a very good and very enjoyable job of the book. She said she has a brother in Pakistan now doing missionary work. About thirty people attended this meeting.

Miss Leila Anderson visited our church in February. As she said, this was her last visit. We hated to hear that because she has helped many of us with our problems. On this visit she did a demonstrating class of the older Adult Class in Sunday School and this was very interesting. Someone asked Miss Anderson where she would be after she retired and her reply was, "Oh, I have asked to be sent some place overseas and to keep working." May God bless her wherever she goes.

On March 1, 1964, we had the pleasure of having our superintendent, Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., visit our church. Our pastor, Rev. Otto Culpepper, and his wife have known Supt. Lightbourne for many years. He delivered the 11:00 o'clock worship sermon. His subject was "The Church", which includes every person serving God.

The Ladies Fellowship meets twice a month; once at the church for our program, which we follow from the Pack-Kit; then once in different members' homes for a social hour. We have 18 members.

The Men's Brotherhood is sponsoring a supper the last of March to buy new hymnals for the church.

The young people meet every Sunday night for their different age groups' study.

We are so happy to have Mrs. Culpepper back in church with us. She has been sick for several months but is improving. She and Mr. Culpepper are very sincere and devout in the

### Langdale Church Busy With Many Activities

The Congregational Christian Church of Langdale, Alabama, has a number of activities going on that we would like to share with all readers of The Southeast News.

The ladies of the church recently organized a Prayer Group. Since their first meeting several weeks ago we have heard great things about them. Their time is spent in meditation, Bible study, sharing and prayer time.

The men of the church have had a series of inspirational meetings as programs for Churchmen's Fellowship. For three months, each program has been designed to bring the men of the church closer to God and to greater service to Him through the church. At the last Fellowship meeting, with Rev. William A. (Bill) Hodnett as the inspirational leader, the men decided that they would organize a Prayer Group. Rev. Hodnett has been very active in this type work on behalf of the East Alabama Association.

Some of the physical improvements at Langdale should bring beauty and added comfort to our worship services. The pews are being refinished and air conditioning is to be installed right away.

James O. Dollar

### Two Golden Wedding Anniversaries Held

Two couples of the Antioch Congregational Christian Church, Andalusia, Alabama, celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries in late 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady B. Adams, Sr. celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on December 27, 1963, at the home of their son, Grady B. Adams, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Daughtry celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on November 28, 1963.

These two fine couples have been an inspiration to our church. Our sincere congratulations to each of them.

work of the Lord and we are very thankful that we have them with us.

Mrs. Bernice Carter  
News Reporter

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L to R: Rev. E. H. Henby, Rev. Joseph Brown, and Rev. Otto Culpepper.

## Rev. Joseph H. Brown Ordination Service

The Reverend Joseph H. Brown was granted conference ordination to the Christian ministry at an impressive service of ordination held at the Good Hope Congregational Christian Church, Baker, Florida, on Sunday afternoon, March 1, 1964.

The service was held under the auspices of the South Alabama-Northwest Florida Association, which had previously approved Mr. Brown for conference ordination.

Rev. E. H. Henby, moderator of the association, presided over the service and gave the vows of ordination to the candidate.

Others participating in the service included the Rev. Mr. Greenhill, pastor of the Baker Methodist Church, Rev. Otto Culpepper, Andalusia, and Rev. N. A. Long, Midland City, and Rev. Ira J. Robinson.

Supt. James H. Lightbourne preached the ordination sermon.

A reception at the church followed the service.

Mr. Brown has been called to be the pastor of the Blackwoods Church, Headland, Alabama. He and his family will move there this month.

Mr. Brown had been serving the Good Hope Church.

## Dr. John L. Casteel Lay Life And Work

The Rev. Dr. John L. Casteel of New York City, professor of practical the-

## Church Finance Advisory Service Secretary Chosen

John F. Westfield, Ann Arbor, Michigan, has been elected a secretary for the Church Finance Advisory Service of the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church.

He will begin his new duties in the Board's New York offices the first week in March.

The denomination's department of church building and finance provides counsel to churches engaged in building programs, leadership in capital funds projects, and financial aid through loans and grants. Mr. Westfield will serve the churches in 14 southeastern states.

Mr. Westfield is a former school teacher and has 25 years of business experience. He has been active in national bodies of the United Church, Michigan Conference, and his local church. Mr. and Mrs. Westfield have three children.

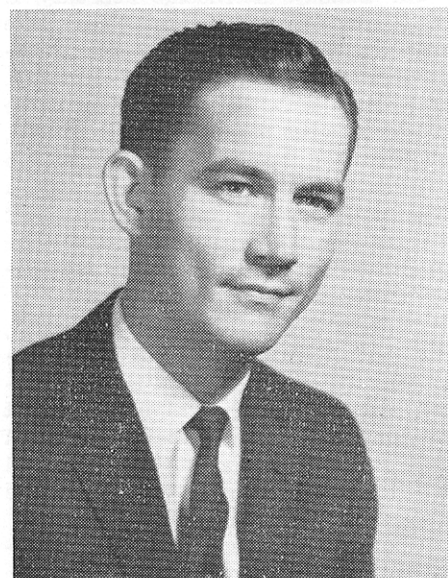
ology and director of field work at Union Theological Seminary, has been named a general secretary for leadership training of the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Miss Helen Huntington Smith of Cleveland, executive director of the council.

Dr. Casteel will begin his new duties in New York City on July 1. He is co-chairman of the National Council of Churches Committee on Church and Economic Life. He is also a member of the United Church of Christ Commission on the Ministry.

A member of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary for 17 years, he has also taught at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Northwestern University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, and the University of Oregon.

He was ordained a minister in the Congregational Christian Churches in 1952 and has served several parishes. Dr. and Mrs. Casteel have a son and a daughter.



ROBERT CHARLTON LENTZ

## Antioch Church Calls Robert Charlton Lentz

Rev. Robert Charlton Lentz has been called to serve the Antioch Congregational Christian Church, Rt. 2, Andalusia, Alabama, as pastor. Mr. Lentz began his ministry to the church in November of 1963.

Mr. Lentz was born in Greenville, Mississippi. His interest in the ministry and the church comes naturally, for his father, Rev. Jimmy Lentz, is a missionary and evangelist.

Mr. Lentz has studied at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky; Memphis State University, Memphis, Tennessee; Troy State College, Troy, Alabama; and Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Since accepting the call to the Antioch Church last November, Mr. Lentz has been busy with the activities of the church. He has helped to organize an adult choir, a junior choir, and a Pilgrim Fellowship.

Mr. Lentz has other employment as well as serving the church. He follows Rev. James W. Walters, who previously served the church and now is pastor of a Baptist church near Andalusia.

Mrs. Lentz is the former Peggy Forehand of Enterprise, Alabama. They have two children: Rebecca Erin, five, and Robert Charlton, Jr., nine months.